registration has been cleared under N-OYT General category in case of telephone sanctioned under TATKAL Scheme, it is permitted after three years of the date of installation of such telephone.

2.1 Category of telephone remains uncharged in case of a third party transfer.

2.2 The transferee will undertake to pay all the dues against the telephone including any pending dues.

2.3 A non-refundable transfer fee of Rs. 500/- will be charged.

3. *Disconnection:*

3.1 Due to non payment of telephone bills.

3.2 Due to illegal or improper or unauthorised use of telephone.

4. *Reconnection*—After the payment of dues, reconnection charges of Rs. 100/- are levied for restoration of a telephone connection disconnected due to non payment of dues.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Does not airse in view of (c) above.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) Social Audit Panel has given its recommendations to allow incoming call facility for about a fortnight to the subscribers connected to electronic exchanges, who have defaulted the payment of telephone bills rather than abruptly disconnecting their telephones as at present.

(g) The Department has issued instructions to the effect that the subscribers connected to electronic exchanges and who have defaulted the payment of telephone bills are allowed incoming call facility for 15 days in clear their pending dues before disconnection. In addition, under the liberalised policy, the Department of Telecom. recently simplified the process of third party transfer of telephone by way of charging a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/- and allow the transfer of telephone in the same category under transfer rules.

Telephone, Telex and Fax connections in Karnataka

3520. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone; telex and fax connections provided in Karnataka during 1993-94 and as on date;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase such connections during 1995-96; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The No. of Telephone, talex, fax connections provided in Karnataka during 1993-94 and as on 31.3.95 are as under:

Sl. No.	Connections	1993-94	1994-95 31-03-95
1.	Telephone	73539	136008
2.	Telex	130	220
3.	Fax	437*	1045*

(*Licences issued)

(b) and (c) Targets for telephone connections during 1995-96 has been fixed as 1,36,000.

There is no waiting list for telex connections. No target therefore is fixed for 1995-96 and the connections will be given as and when demand is received.

Dapartment is not providing any Fax connections for issuing licences to the subscribers to use any of the approved Fax machines on the telephone lines. Fax machines are to be purchased by the subscribers on their own.

Electronic telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

3521. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the places where electronic telephone exchanges have been set up till date, in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when the electronic telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up in other places of the State during 1995-96, alongwith the names of those places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The places where electronic telephone exchanges have been set up in Andhra Pradesh as on 20-3-95 are indicated in Annexure-I. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 71)

(b) 18 Major (MAX-I) exchanges and 150 small|medium exchanges are planned to be set up during 1995-96. The details of the places of small|medium exchanges have yet to be finalised, as the same will depend on the availability of equipment, funds and other resources. The details of Major exchanges are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

TENTATIVE PLAN—1995-96

(a) MAJOR EXCHANGES

1. Hyderabad
2. Nellore
3. Visakhapatnam
4. Guntur
5. Kurnool
6. Rajahmundry
7. Vijayawada
8. Hanumakonda
9. Tirupathi
10. Bhimavaram
11. Chilakaluripsta
12. Cuddapah
13. Kakinada
14. Guntakal
15. Adilabad
16. Mandapeta
17. Tanuku
18. Vizianagaram

Theft of Postal Articles

3522. SHRI VERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of theft of parcels, letters and other postal articles;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase vigilance in this regard;

(c) whether any effective methods have been introduced to detect and prevent theft of postal articles in 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.